(c) whether the investments have been rising or falling during the last three years, year-wise; and

(d) the proposals, if any, under contemplation of Govt. to start new joint ventures?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. SHIV SHANKER): (a) The list of Joint ventures in Industrial Sector operating in different countries, is enclosed. [See Appendix CXLI, Annexure No. 98]

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) Accumulative figures of total investments during preceding 3 years are as under:

(Rs. in crores)

1984	85.30
1985	93.84
1986	92.00

(d) At present, there are 9 proposals for setting up joint ventures under consideration.

Indian investment in joint venture projects

†2161. SHRI PARVATHANENI UPENDRA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) the total Indian investment in joint ventures in foreign countries during the last five years;

(b) whether it is a fact that the Indian investment in joint ventures abroad has virtually remained stagnant during the last five years; and

(c) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. SHIV SHANKER): (a) The total investment approved in joint Venture projects during the last five years was Rs. 11.93 crores.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

'Q' mark engines

†2162. SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that 'Q' mark engines are exported outside India and that those have been found to be good engines;

(b) how much foreign exchange 'Q' mark engines earn annualy;

(c) the reasons for which subsidy and loan facilities that were earlier available for 'Q' mark engines are now discontinued; and

(d) whether it is a fact that ISI laboratory in Gujarat tested 'Q' mark engine and found it on par with ISI specifications?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. SHIV SHANKER): (a) and (b) Engines are being exported from India. No separate figures of export are, however, being maintained by the Ministry of Commerce, in respect of 'Q' mark engines. Commerce Ministry also does not maintain assessments of buyers specifically for 'Q' mark engines.

(c) A Working Group constituted by the National Level Standing Committee for improving the operational efficiency of irrigation pumpsets have recommended that loans and refinance be provided only to the energy efficient pumping systems with ISI mark and financing for 'Q' mark pumpsets should be done away with in a phased manner.

†Previously unstarred question 1881, transferred from the 12th March, 1987.

†Previously unstarred question 2032, transferred from the 13th March, 1987.